Sharp Rise Seen In Cuba Claims

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Rep. Paul G. Rogers (D-Fla.) predicted yesterday that claims against Cuba from American nationals ousted when Premier Fidel Castro took over the island will climb rapidly before the May 1 deadline is reached.

More than $740 million in claims have been filed to date with the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, an agency of the U.S. Government, Rogers said.

They stem from losses arising since Jan. 1, 1959, when property owned by Americans was nationalized or expropriated by the Cuban government.